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The Three Rivers Group vacancy

Thank you for your interest in the Three Rivers Group.

Since the start of the present vacancy, the parishes have been in ongoing discussion with the archdeacon about their future. During this time, they have come together more closely as a group and are working well to maintain their ministry, which is bearing fruit. They have also been reflecting on their need to evolve and change in order to secure a sustainable and life-giving future. Among other things, they have signalled a desire to explore alternative, more streamlined governance arrangements and to review their pattern of worship. They recognise that what they most need from a new incumbent is his/her priestly gifts, to help deepen their discipleship and enhance their mission, and they are therefore considering ways to share more widely the general responsibilities of parish management. This is a work in progress, of course, but I am encouraged by their openness and I believe this could be an interesting prospect for someone looking for an opportunity to reimagine parish life in a rural setting.

I pray for your ongoing discernment.

Yours ever in Christ,